

**RESOLUTION NO. 20080618-061**

**WHEREAS**, HOSTS Mentoring & Intervention Solution Program is a research-based program designed to specifically address the individual learning needs of struggling K-12 students; and

**WHEREAS**, this program serves as a powerful classroom tool that ties together formative assessment data and research-based best practices with a school's existing curriculum resources to create customized learning paths for each struggling student; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 35 years, HOSTS Learning Solutions have helped more than one million K-12 students nationwide improve their reading skills and math proficiencies through its research-based instructional management systems, professional growth services, and mentoring and intervention programs, and

**WHEREAS**, HOSTS Learning Solutions are currently used in more than 525 schools in 40 of the United States, in Puerto Rico and El Salvador; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the HOSTS program at Metz Elementary was chosen as a winner of the 2006 HOSTS Mentoring & Intervention Best Practices Award program; and

**WHEREAS**, the HOSTS program at Metz Elementary was one of only 20 schools nationwide to be honored out of more than 500 eligible schools, and

**WHEREAS**, this past year, the HOSTS program served over 400 students and had the help of more than 500 volunteers who work with both English-speaking and bilingual students, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Education Agency has designated Metz Elementary School as a “recognized” school in part because of the HOSTS program's success; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 1 funding cuts have yielded a severe funding shortage putting this award winning program in jeopardy; and

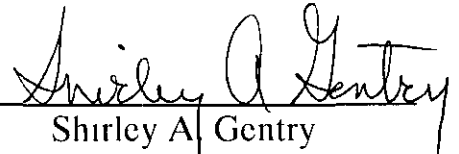
**WHEREAS**, the City Council has identified the HOSTS program as a program to be funded through the Holly Good Neighbor Program, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to allocate \$50,000 from the Holly Good Neighbor "After School" Program to fund the HOSTS Mentoring & Intervention Solutions Program at Metz Elementary School

**ADOPTED:** June 18, 2008

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk